



# UpdaTED

February 2018

Dear Book Group Chair,

Please pass this issue of UpdaTED on to all your members.

## FCBG 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference



13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### Conference Update

FCBG Conference 2018 at Queenswood School, 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Bookings for our annual conference close on 9<sup>th</sup> March. We have received an exceptionally high number of bookings already and places are now limited. We have a great programme organised which you can see on the FCBG website <http://www.fcbg.org.uk/conference/>

Don't miss out in our special anniversary year. A booking form is attached with this issue of UpdaTED.

**Don't forget to pack something **golden** to wear at the Gala Dinner on Saturday evening!**

## GCBA News



We are delighted to reveal the Top 10 for 2018!

The full shortlist for the Children's Book Award 2018 is as follows:

### Books for Younger Children

*Edgar and the Sausage Inspector*, written and illustrated by Jan Fearnley, published by Nosy Crow

*Mrs Mole, I'm Home!*, written and illustrated by Jarvis, published by Walker

*The Secret of Black Rock*, written and illustrated by Joe Todd-Stanton, published by Flying Eye Books

*I Dare You*, written and illustrated by Reece Wykes, published by Andersen Press



### Books for Younger Readers

*The Goldfish Boy*, written by Lisa Thompson, published by Scholastic

*The Explorer*, written by Katherine Rundell, published by Bloomsbury

*The Island at the End of Everything*, written by Kiran Millwood Hargrave, published by Chicken House

### Books for Older Readers

*I Have No Secrets*, written by Penny Joelson, published by Electric Monkey (Egmont)

*Optimists Die First*, written by Susin Nielsen, published by Andersen Press

*Ink*, written by Alice Broadway, published by Scholastic

All groups can receive a 35% discount and free delivery of the Top Ten in addition to any free copies the publishers can send out. Your group will need to contact **Kate West** of Reading CBG on [kate@katepoels.co.uk](mailto:kate@katepoels.co.uk) who will explain the process. Kate will also send you the voting sheets and advise you of the details for voting.

Check out the CBA web site [www.childrensbookaward.org.uk](http://www.childrensbookaward.org.uk) for fantastic downloadable resources, stickers, activity packs and Top Ten testing tips and to follow the award and voting on our Twitter hashtag #FCBGCBA18

There will be a fantastic blog tour throughout the Spring from our Top Ten authors and group members should subscribe to our blog [www.fcbg.org.uk](http://www.fcbg.org.uk) for details.

## GNSSM News



### Golden National Share a Story Month - **Celebrating a World of Stories**

The plans for GNSSM are well underway and there has been a great response from Publishers keen to get involved with book suggestions and competition prizes.

The packs with information, ideas and suggestions for GNSSM events will be with Group Chairs in the next few weeks. Please get in touch for further information.

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## Egmont publishes their latest research into children's reading.

Egmont co-funds Nielsen Book Research's annual Understanding the Children's Book Consumer survey into the reading habits of UK children and the latest research shows that the number of pre-school children being read to daily has dropped from 70% to just over 50% over the past five years.

Egmont has worked with retailers on projects aimed at increasing the number of children being read to and becoming readers themselves. They have also published a list of tips to encourage young readers, none of which will be a surprise to FCBG members, but are important points to remember.

More information can be found at <https://www.egmont.co.uk/blog/number-toddlers-read-daily-steep-decline/>

## The Adventures of Fed Ted



Don't forget to send your group's photos of **Fed Ted** to [info@fcbg.org.uk](mailto:info@fcbg.org.uk) and tell us about his adventures.

Please send items for the March 2018 issue of **UpdaTED** to: [info@fcbg.org.uk](mailto:info@fcbg.org.uk)

and keep us **UpdaTED** with your news.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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